

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-12, 15, 17-20, and 25 are pending in this application, with Claims 1 and 25 being independent. Claims 13, 14, 16, and 22-24 have been cancelled herein without prejudice.

Claims 1, 15, and 17-20 have been amended and new Claim 25 has been added. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-3, 6-12, 15, and 17-20 were previously allowed, and Applicants submit that the amendments to those claims do not alter their allowability.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

Applicants intend to file an Information Disclosure Statement citing one article, but are awaiting receipt of a copy of that article. If that Information Disclosure Statement is not in the PTO file when the Examiner takes up this case for action, Applicants request that the Examiner telephone Applicants' undersigned representative regarding the status of the statement.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C.
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